GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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TRADE WITH MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total trade between India and Myanmar during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is exploring the possibility of boosting trade ties between India and Myanmar;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether for the confidence building measure, both the countries have cleared some items for import which were earlier banned by each other; and

(e) the list of items on which trade restrictions have been placed between both the countries alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a)The trade between India and Myanmar during the last three years was as under:

(Value in US$ million)

Year	Total trade
2000-01	231.73
2001-02	435.32
2002-03	411.03

(b) & (c) This is an on-going process. The firstsession of the Joint Trade Committee (JTC) between the two countries was held in Yangon on July 15, 2003. In the meeting, a range of issues of mutual interest were discussed for promoting trade ties.

(d) In the above negotiations of JTC, no banned items were cleared for import.

(e) List of items on which trade restrictions have been placed between both the countries is not readily available.